



Sam Shei, Stanley Szeto, Don Roberts and Eamonn O'Connell ready to go



Gordon Marsden, Dallas Reid, Martin Allies and Jonny Brock getting ready for a tough match



Don Roberts failed to find the HK Club recorded on the trophy but still kept his smile

HKFC vs HK Club

Monday, 20th May 2019

As two of Hong Kong's older more established clubs HKFC and the HK Club have many things in common including members who enjoy their golf. This year saw regular HKFC golfing representatives **Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Nick Allen** and very understandably HK Club Golf Captain **Don Roberts** choosing to "bat for the opposition". How would this exodus of golfing talent influence the result in the contest for this fine trophy held for many years by HKFC?

Overcast skies but relatively calm conditions saw **Stanley Szeto** and **Sam Shei** lead off for HKFC against Don Roberts and **Eamonn O'Connell**. Unfortunately for the HK Club pair Szeto struck form immediately firing at pins and had HKFC out to a 4 hole lead before Roberts and O'Connell could even catch their breath. Roberts and O'Connell never quite recovered from that onslaught and with good support from Shei HKFC closed this out on the 13th hole 6 and 5.

Jonny Brock and **Gordon Marsden** next against "traitor" **Dallas Reid** and **Martin Allies**. This contest saw the HK Club pair start stronger with Gordon doing the bulk of the heavy lifting for HKFC on the front nine. Jonny came to life on the back nine as they started to claw back the HK Club lead. His tap in birdie on the 12th was followed by another tap in birdie on the 13th, but as Martin had made a net Eagle Jonny's total success for the 2 holes was zero! HKFC backs were even harder against the wall after Allies drained a huge 40 foot putt on 15

but the HKFC duo fought and won the next 2 holes to be level going down 18. Fittingly this hole was halved meaning this intense contest ended in a draw.

Captain **Terry Wright** was the envy of the group having the pleasure of golfing with the 3 ladies in the field. Was he going to be polite and allow **Elsa Lee** and **Julie Collins** of HK Club an easy start? A birdie on the first and a big smile from his partner **Jenny Chapman** answered the question with a resounding No. This soon seemed unwise with Julie splitting the fairways with monotonous regularity and Elsa draining long putts the HKFC pair were soon 2 down. It took a second birdie this time from Chapman to turn the tide and Wright and Chapman slowly ground their way back to all square at halfway. The match seesawed on the back nine with neither team getting more than a hole ahead until this match also went down the 18th all square. A solid par from Wright was enough to win this hole and the match 1 up – what a scrap!

What happened next was quite dramatic. The skies had been building with dark threatening clouds for the last 4 or 5 holes and moments after the 3rd group finished there was a blinding flash of lightning very close by and huge clap of thunder and the heavens opened. Very quickly the golf club sirens went off and all golfers were sensibly called in for safety reasons. With matches unable to be finished the match score at their last completed hole would be the result

for the last 3 groups. **Jim Suttie** battled bravely all day with a leg injury and had great support from his debutant partner Scott Laws but were 1 down playing 18 giving **David Collins** and **Bob Wallace** the win for HK Club 1 up on the 17th hole.

The 5th match completed 15 holes and HKFC's **Andy Wood** and newcomer **Simon Hague** could not be separated from **Nick Allen** (traitor 2) and **Anthony Wood**. They sportingly shook hands and agreed to a drawn match hearing the siren go off as they were on the 16th green. Nick Allen casually knocked his ball into the hole as they walked off for what would have been a birdie – Oh what might have been!

In a reflection of the whole day the 6th match was also all square as the siren went off and again 2 teams that had battled all the way shook hands confirming another drawn match. **JP Cuvelier** complaining of exhaustion having apparently carried **Ian Petersen** most of the way against **Robert Gazzi** and a very steady Martin Clinch of HK Club.

Some great golf in 6 excellent matches produced the final result a win to HKFC 3.5 – 2.5.

Thanks to **Lee Parker** and the staff at Macau GCC as always but particularly this time for responding so quickly to the dangerous weather situation and getting everyone off the course promptly.

Near Pins were won by Stanley Szeto (2), Nick Allen, JP Cuvelier, Terry Wright. Long Drives won by Julie Collins and Gordon Marsden (mere inches ahead of Martin Clinch apparently!)

■ **Terry Wright, Golf Captain**

Club Championship- KSC East

Saturday, 25th May 2019

The Club Championships is the only event on our calendar to be played without handicap, and we try to stage it at a weekend to allow the maximum number of participants. There is also a handicap stableford event run at the same to ensure that higher handicappers can still walk off with some prizes on the day. In the event, 20 players registered, and we were fortunate that despite some gloomy weather forecasts for the week, the rain stayed off although conditions were very humid.

The first group to tee off were all low handicappers but none of them produced their best golf on the day. **Terry Wright** managed to pick up a quadruple bogey on the 157 yard par 3 third hole followed by another triple on the easy par 4 seventh. 4 over for the back 9 still meant an 86 to claim the third place in this competition. **Jonny Brock**, the lowest handicapper, had a pretty solid round until the 16th hole. The tee box was strangely placed nearly 50 yards in front of its usual position. This therefore required some maths and a little bit of strategy. Neither being his strong suit, he hit his tee shot so far that couldn't find it. This led to a series of errors resulting in 7 dropped shots through 3 holes. **Phil Head** as ever played steady golf to shoot 85 and snatching second place.

For the ladies group, there was some fierce competition going on with the second and first place being separated by only one shot. **Allyson Ko** played a series of accurate irons to dominate the par 3s with 3 closest to the pins out of 6 holes and 1 ladies longest drive. She beat **Elsa Lee** by one shot and claimed the victory among the ladies.

To defend a major title, it is never easy. Possibly not being in the low handicapper group may have helped **Dallas Reid** who shot a 5 over 77 to claim the victory. With 9 pars, 7 bogeys and 2 birdies, that's pretty solid golf, especially on the treacherous KSC East course. Congratulations !

Here is the breakdown for the winners!

Nearest to the Pin

Hole 3 – Phil Head
Hole 5 – Allyson Ko
Hole 8 – Terry Wright
Hole 13 – Allyson Ko
Hole 15 – James Riordan

Nearest pin in two shots

Hole 12 – Allyson Ko
Longest Drive – hole 17
Men – Jonny Brock
Ladies – Allyson Ko

Stableford Winners

1st William Glover – 35 points
2nd Nick Allen – 35 points
3rd James Riordan – 33 points

The ladies Gross winner

1st Allyson Ko – 103
2nd Elsa Lee – 104

The Mens Gross Winner

1st Dallas Reid – 77
2nd Phil Head – 85
3rd Terry Wright – 86

Thank you for joining this event and we hope to see you all soon.

■ Ted Li, Golf event organiser

The "Sharpshooters" Jonny Brock, JP Cuvelier, Phil Head and Terry Wright - a little off target on the day.



Lawrence Chong, Dallas Reid and "Mad Dog" Riordan trying to brighten up the day ...



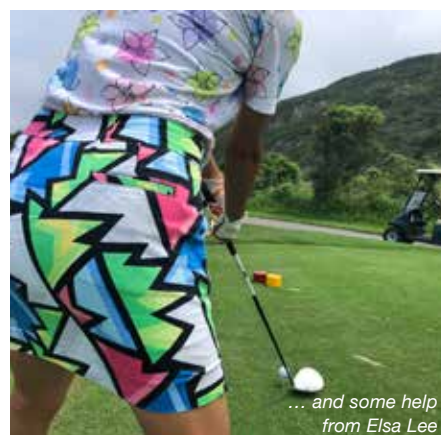
2019 Club Champion Dallas Reid



Elsa Lee (Runner up) with 2019 Ladies Club Champion Allyson Ko



Bill King, YP Soo, Jonathan Li and Nick Allen



... and some help from Elsa Lee

Walmsley Cup – The Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club

When I woke up, the sky is black and the rain is splashing on my window. As Clearwater Bay is one of the most popular events we run, it would be a disappointment if we cannot play today. I checked on the course condition every half hour and it remained closed until 9.30am. Not looking good! Finally the course manager contacted me and told me the course had re-open. As is often the case, we are fortunate and there is not a drop of rain for our whole round.

The first to tee off were **Jean Paul Cuvelier, Jukka Hakli, Jonathan Li** and myself. JP had a solid round with his typical sliced drives and consistent iron shots which gives him a gross 87 for 34 stableford points. He also won the nearest to the pin at hole 6 with 150 yards uphill. Jukka, Jonathan and myself are not playing well although I did manage to chip in on hole 5 to save a par.

Today we had three single handicappers competing in the field. **Scott Laws** shot 77 for 35 stableford points to claim the third place. **Stephen John Knight** collected 37 stableford points to claim the second place. As for the winner, **Jonny Brock** shot a remarkable 74 gross for 38 stableford points. When he handed the scorecard to me, he mentioned he had three 3-putts on the back nine so clearly he had a chance to go even lower.



Jonathan Li carefully tracking Jukka's tee shot

Here is the breakdown of the result

Nearest to the Pin

Hole 1 – Stephen John Knight
Hole 4 – Stephen John Knight
Hole 6 – Jean Paul Cuvelier
Hole 11 – Danny Beattie
Hole 14 – Danny Beattie
Hole 16 – Jonathan Li
2 shot NTP – Scott Laws



Stephen John Knight, Jonny Brock and Scott Laws looking smug at their day's work

Longest Drive

Men – Simon Hague
Ladies – Jennifer Chapman
1st place – Jonny Brock 38 points
2nd place – Stephen John Knight 37 points
3rd place Scott Laws 35 points
Best Gross – Simon Hague 84 points

That's it for this event.

■ **Ted Li, Golf event organiser**

HKFC vs Big Sai Wan

17th June 2019, Macau GCC



Tiku as usual enjoying golf

This match was an eagerly awaited brand new fixture on the HKFC golf calendar. The build up however had a few challenges. Big Sai Wan struggled to get numbers leading to **Tom McColl** a member of both societies offering to help by playing for either side. A great gesture by Tom which saw him named first for HKFC then for BSW who subsequently found another player, so back to HKFC and finally once more off to BSW again to allow a 10 v 10 match. So now part of a powerful pairing to lead off BSW, Tom paired with **Stephen Ahmoye**, but sadly this also was not to be as a family illness saw Stephen drop out very late that morning shortly before we boarded the ferry.

With no chance of replacement at that late hour Tom went from the power pair to the unenviable solo golfer faced with playing the HKFC pairing of **Scott Laws** and **Malou Waldie** on his own. Indications to

the rest of the field were that Tom was actually coping well, as his name appeared on most of the near pin markers and a huge long drive on the 8th hole that nearly reached the green. Alas it was a task too big even for his broad shoulders with Malou in sparkling form and Scott chiming in well he succumbed not without a good fight to a 5 and 3 HKFC win. Huge thanks to Tom for his positive attitude moving between teams and handling the eventual task of playing alone without hesitation.

A good start for HKFC but could Captain **Terry Wright** and his debutant partner **Chris Frost** add to the tally. The opponents **Tiku Patidar** and **Chris Satterfield** for BSW a good pairing that watched with dismay as Terry chipped in for birdie on the first hole. A couple of halved holes then Terry holes out from 50 ft from a greenside bunker for another birdie. 3 up after 5 holes one thing is for sure – that ain't going to last ! Tiku and Chris got into their work and slowly chipped away until they finally got in



Ian Carel KP and Jonny after a wet 18 holes



Tom, Malou and Scott



Terry presents the Big Cup to BSW Captain KP.

front 1 up after 15 holes. It stayed that way until 18 where the HKFC pair had a chance to halve the match snatched away when Chris casually rolled in a 25 foot putt to slam that door shut. 2 up win to BSW.

Jonny Brock and **Ian Petersen** faced BSW's **Carel Rossouw** and **Kurt Pedersen** (KP). KP started off hot contributing for his team on 8 of the first 9 holes and with Carel the steady teammate turning in an excellent 4 over par round of 75 the HKFC pair battled valiantly but were never in the hunt going down 4 and 3 to this very much in form BSW pairing.

Justin Faulkner and **JP Cuvelier** were HKFC's next pairing out against **Ed Liu** and

Jack Satterfield. It was the first time together for Justin and JP and they clicked straight away striding out to a 4 hole lead at the turn despite some very solid play by 14 yr old **Jack Satterfield**. Ed managed to regain his form on the back nine but alas it was too late to pull back the lead and Justin and JP eased home for a comfortable 5 and 4 victory to HKFC.

Two matches apiece this contest was in the balance. HKFC's fate resting in the experienced hands of **Andrew Wood** and **Owen Davis**. Their opponents, **Wes Jones** and **Fabio Lavarone** of BSW. As befitting the deciding match this was a very tight affair. There was nothing between these two teams as indicated by the all square score after nine holes.

Gradually though, the slimmest of margins slid out to a 2 and 1 victory for sad to say BSW ! A great battle deservedly won by Jones and Lavarone making the overall team result a 3-2 victory for Big Sai Wan in this inaugural encounter. A good contest on a tricky day with plenty of rain against very competitive golfers so we look forward to this being the first of many stirring encounters.

Near Pins were won by **Andrew Wood**, Kurt Pedersen, Chris Satterfield, Malou Waldie and Tom McColl with Tom also taking out the long drive.

■ **Terry Wright – Golf Captain**

Xili Outing

25th June 2019

Xili is a gorgeous course which usually attracts a good number of participants for our outings there. However with thunder storms and heavy rain blasting Hong Kong yesterday night, members were asking whether we should postpone this event due to the terrible weather. Luckily, as is often the case, we discovered sunshine and a soft breeze awaiting our start for our round at there.

The first to tee off were **Henry Lai**, **YP Soo**, **Richard** and myself. Richard wasn't having a very good round of golf. A common mistake, he kept trying to hit the ball too hard and wound up just topping it for the first few holes. Meanwhile his partner, Henry playing within himself, was striking the ball nicely. He finished up with a respectable 92 including 6 pars. As for me, I managed a satisfactory round too, shooting an 82 for 39 stableford points. I benefited from my partners showing me the line on one hole allowing me to chip in for a birdie. Another birdie on a par 5 helped me to what turned out to be the winning score.

Meanwhile in the second group, **Allan Homeming** had the closest to the pin on hole 4 which is a downhill 200 yards shot with water just right of the green. He continued his good play to score 92 gross and 37 points stableford points to claim the second place. Another high note was from **Anita Ng** who has been improving quite a lot after having several lessons. She shot 100 gross, just one shot left to break 100. Watch this space!!!

Here is the breakdown of the results,

Nearest to the Pin

Course B

Hole 5 – YP soo

Course C

Hole 4 – Allen Homeming

Winner – Ted Li 39 points

First Runner up – **Allan** Homeming 37 points

That's it for this outing, see you in next event.